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JOHN DAY FOSSIL BEDS RANGER LED PROGRAMS

KIMBERLY, OR. – John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will be offering a variety of ranger-led activities this summer. The following programs will be offered daily, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend:

Ranger Talk – 10am and 2pm Daily

Meet in the plaza in front of the Thomas Condon Paleontology Center

This 20 minute talk will cover a variety of topics, including the geology and paleontology of the John Day Fossil Beds and will highlight some of the mysterious creatures that roamed the ancient Oregon landscape.

Cant Ranch Walk – 1pm Daily

Meet on the porch of the James Cant Ranch House

This 60 minute walking tour of the historic James Cant Ranch will introduce visitors to the fascinating story of sheep ranching in the John Day River valley from the early 20th Century to today.

Blue Basin Hike – 10:30am, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays

Meet at the Blue Basin Trailhead Parking Lot, 3 miles north of the Thomas Condon Paleontology Center

This 90 minute hike will take you back into ancient Oregon as you journey with a park ranger down the Island in Time Trail in the fascinating and otherworldly Blue Basin Area.

Evening with a Ranger – 7pm, Saturdays

Clyde Holiday State Park campfire circle

Join a national park ranger at Clyde Holiday State Park for a 30 minute evening program about the fascinating story of John Day Fossil Beds National Monument and discover the wonders of the national park site in your own backyard!

The Thomas Condon Paleontology Center and James Cant Ranch House are located on Highway 19, 9 miles north of the town of Dayville. Ranger-led programs are always free and no reservations are required.

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